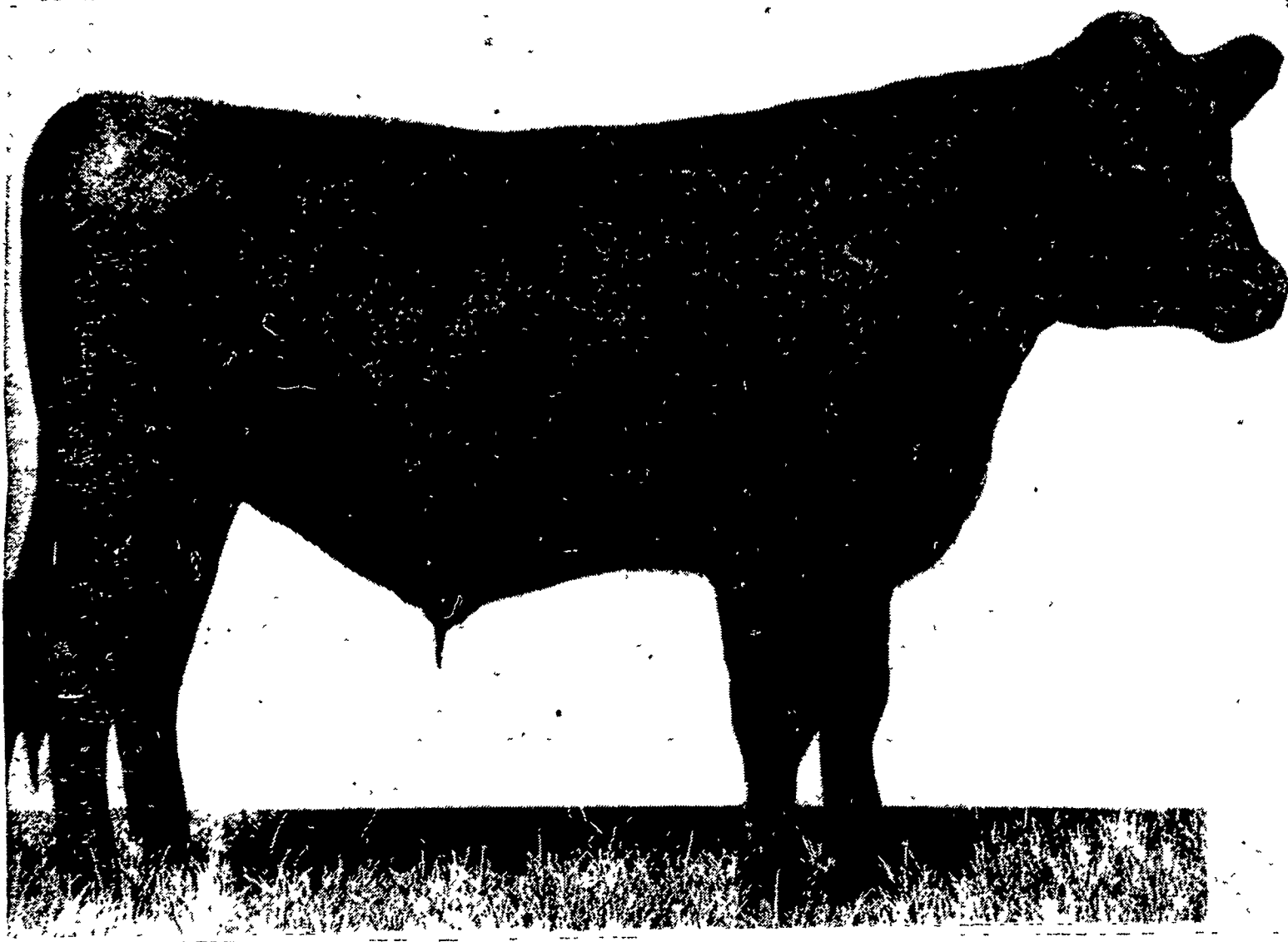


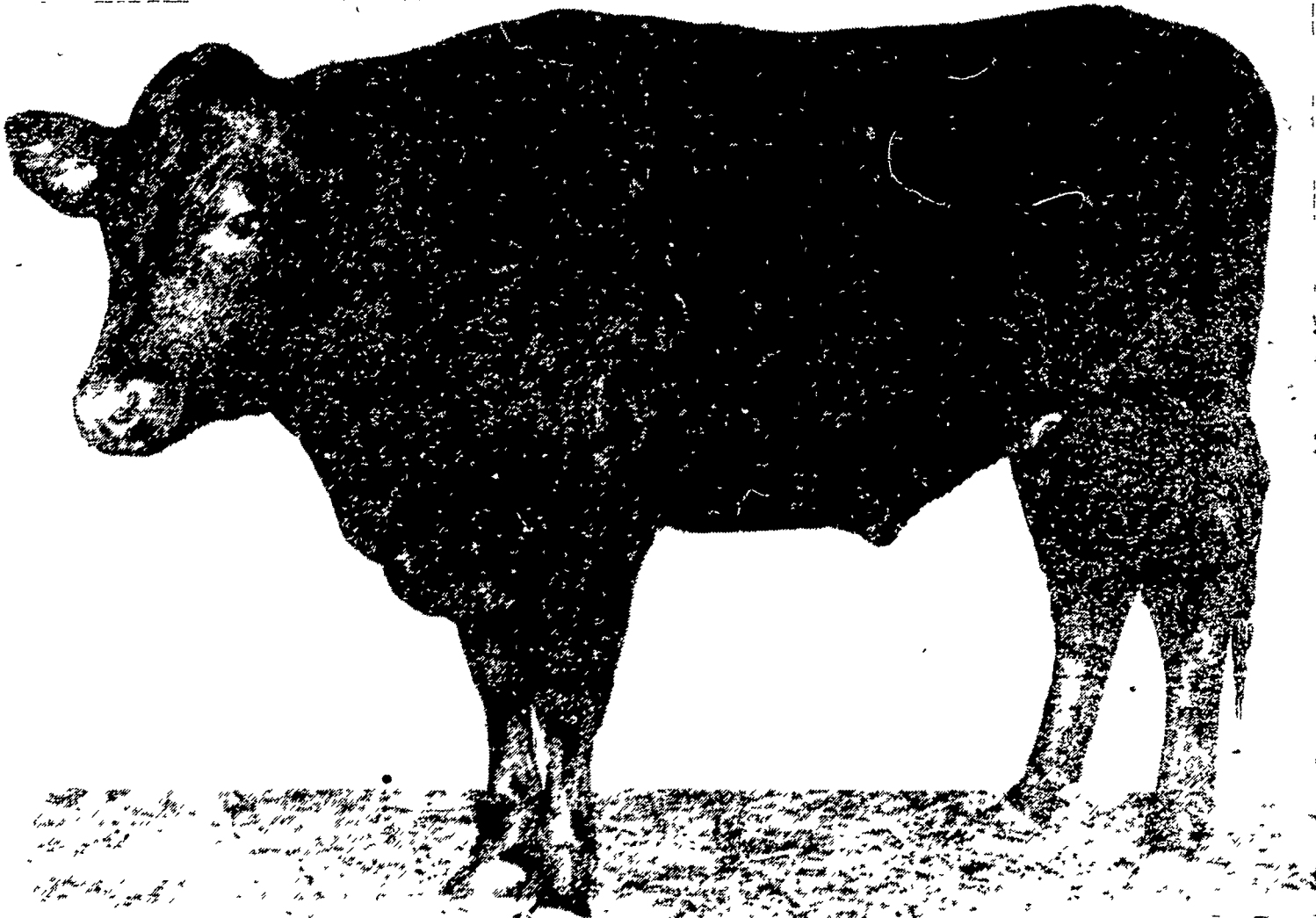


## Cross Section Of Slaughter Grades

DEFINITE superiority in conformation, quality and finish mark the Prime grade steer or heifer. These cattle are fine boned, smooth jointed and have a thin and pliable hide. The fat covering tends to be smooth with only slight indications of patchiness. Prime cattle come with long grain feeding and are now considered to be uneconomical except for class trade.



CATTLE possessing minimum qualifications for Good grade may differ somewhat in appearance because of the numerous combinations of varying degrees of excellence of the grade factors. They tend to be low and compact, have a limited finish, largely restricted to the back, loin and upper rib. Some coarseness may be evident in the relatively older cattle of the Good grade.



RANGY, upstanding, angular and thin fleshed cattle will be found in the utility grade. They are narrow and show prominent hips and shoulders. Less finish is apparent in younger cattle ranging down to a very thin covering of fat for those under 30 months. Utility cattle tend to be of slightly low quality.